

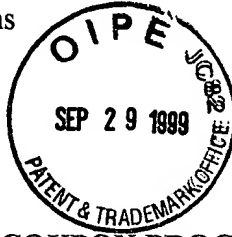
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Dale Burns

Serial No.: 09/182,033

Filed: 10/29/98

For: **ELECTRONIC COUPON PROCESSING SYSTEM**



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Box Non-Fee Amendment
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Replace the Abstract with the newly submitted Abstract, attached hereto; and

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(N.E.) page 9, line ²~~2~~, delete "the product" and insert --this purchase--.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-2, 4-5, 8-9, 11-12, 14, and 21, as follows:

Claim 1. (Amended) An electronic coupon processing system comprising:

a coupon data base containing coupon information associated to a consumer;

a system for recording [product information sold to a] consumer purchase

information at a store;

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following:

1. Preliminary amendment; and
2. Certificate of Express mailing.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1579. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-1579 for any future fees connected in any way to this application. Two copies of this letter are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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